

ANYOUS TO HEAR JUDSON HARMON

Legislature May Pass Resolution
Inviting Him to Deliver
an Address.

EYES TURN TO UNDERWOOD

Alabama Congressman's Friends
Preparing to Organize Club
in Richmond.

Having heard the address of Woodrow Wilson, Democrats are turning now toward Judson Harmon, Governor of Ohio, and it is expected that he will be invited to deliver an address to the General Assembly before its work is concluded. In the event that Governor Harmon is invited it is almost certain that Oscar W. Underwood, member of Congress from Alabama, and the strong leader in the House, will be asked to come back and speak to the multitude, for only a few persons heard him when he spoke at a dinner given him at the Commonwealth Club during the holidays. And then it may be possible that Champ Clark and Folk and all of the others who are seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States will want to be heard, which would give this town a continuous performance of spellbinding.

Just now the Judson Harmon Club at Richmond is feeling its way. Unlike the Woodrow Wilson Club, it has not elected officers or named committees, and the public is anxious to know exactly who is behind it.

Underwood Club, Too.

It was said yesterday that the Oscar Underwood Club would soon spring into vigorous life, and being a Southern man and a former student at the University of Virginia, it is pointed out that Mr. Underwood is entitled to some consideration at the hands of Virginia.

All signs indicate that this will be a good year for the Democrats, and the faithful party workers are willing to concentrate on any candidate, provided he has the best chance to win. Generally speaking, the feeling is strong local sentiment for Governor Wilson. Some of the big men in the party are advocating Governor Harmon, with Underwood third choice. Not much is heard of Speaker Clark, and if Folk, of Mississippi, is running, the fact is being proclaimed from the housetops of Richmond. Occasionally, there is a word for Bryan, but it seems to be accepted as authentic that the Nebraska will not be actually in the running at Baltimore.

Too Early to Predict.

Democratic leaders in Virginia, while declining to make predictions as to who will win the nomination, agree that it is a bit too early to settle on any particular candidate, especially when the woods are so full of them, and when it is impossible to figure on what the coming months may bring forth. In fact, the Underwoodites see candidates who thus far have failed to secure—even if they wanted it—the warm support of Mr. Bryan, while on the other hand it seems to be admitted that Mr. Bryan's heart leans toward Governor Wilson. Friends of Governor Harmon are confident that he can carry Ohio, President Taft's home State, and much of the Middle West, and they naturally resent the old charge that he is too old. In the same way the friends of Mr. Underwood insist that his nomination is out of the question, because he is a Southern man, they answer by saying that Wilson, too, is a Southern man, and they refuse to accept the anti-Southern talk as a barrier which cannot be overcome.

Anxious to Hear Them.

But aside from all that, there is that from which it is expected that the other candidates, particularly Harmon and Underwood, both are big men. A sketch of Underwood, printed in the current number of a leading magazine, gives a clearer insight into his character than any of those who have read it. It comes out quite clearly and says that the Alabama Congressman is a bigger man than they had been led to suppose. It is an old rule in politics to get in on the ground floor, and no matter who is nominated he will find that he has plenty of friends in Virginia, and plenty of original supporters.

The General Assembly may set a resolution today inviting Governor Harmon. Then if the same body is not asked to invite Underwood, it is practically certain that he will be requested by the Underwoodites to come here, and if he comes he will be greeted by a great audience. The same is true of Governor Harmon.

DRINKING IN PARK

Offenders Subsequently Suspected by
Police of Several Robberies.

Arrested first by Policemen Smith and Jennings yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct on Grand Hill Park, where they were said to have been drinking whiskey in full view of the hundreds of people who were that place on Sunday, Joe Bowman, John Burch and J. L. Stevens were later charged with being suspected of having held up and robbed J. W. Ellis of several dollars, and with having broken into the saloon of P. Lammann on South Seventh Street. From the saloon a quantity of whiskey and a revolver were stolen.

Ellis stated that he was held up at Belvidere and Holly Streets at the point of a pistol on Saturday night. But he said that he would be unable to identify the assailants. Detective Krenzle and Sergeant Bailey, who questioned the young men, and all of them told conflicting stories.

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

CANT BUY WINE FOR FRIENDS IF FITZHUGH BILL IS PASSED

Antitreatng Measure Gives Those Who Buy
Some Worry as to Why Figure How It Would
Work on State Occasions.

Mr. Fitzhugh's antitreatng bill, which passed its second reading in the House of Delegates on Saturday, may a lot and roar when they studied it yesterday. They held little councils of war and declared that it was simply another infringement of personal liberty, and then they wanted to know how it could ever be enforced and how it would work if a man, looking for a female friend to his hotel or club and she had left her purse at home—or had no purse—and happened to be thirsty. They wanted to know a great many other things, but all were somewhat relieved when the opinion was expressed that the bill would hardly become a law.

Primarily, the measure is intended as a move toward temperance, so much having been heard about the man who goes into a bar to bite off just one drink and who stays to bite on some more with friends. Also, it would ruin that crop of busted folk who sit around and wait for an invitation, if at some future date the Governor of Virginia should invite a party of distinguished men to dine with him at the Jefferson Hotel, which operates a saloon, under a strict interpretation of the Fitzhugh measure he could not buy them a mint julep even if they had just been bitten by a rattlesnake. The bill, if it became a law and should be rigidly enforced, would make Virginia hospitality a snare and a delusion.

As a piece of unique legislation Mr.

COLD WAVE SENDS MERCURY DOWN

City Shivers as Temperature
Takes Sudden Drop After
Snow Flurry.

Fanned by high westerly winds, the promised cold wave was ushered into Richmond before daybreak yesterday with a light snow flurry, and the city awoke with the thermometer registering 9 degrees below the freezing point.

Though no more snow is likely, it was announced by the local Weather Bureau last night that the temperature today will be much lower than yesterday, and a bitter cold weather is promised for the next few days.

At midnight the mercury stood at 15 degrees, and was still falling. It was predicted that by early this morning it will dip below 15.

The temperature in the Western section of Virginia has been much more severe than Richmond has experienced during the present cold snap.

Wytheville the lowest mark reached was 4 degrees above zero. Rising temperatures are predicted for the northern and western portions of Virginia.

WAITING FOR BUDGET

Improvements at Standstill Until Funds
Are Available.

Rapid progress is being made by a subcommittee of the Council Committee on Finance in shaping the annual appropriation ordinance. As soon as the Council has acted on several preliminary resolutions which affect the budget, the Finance Committee will be called to pass on the final list of appropriations, which it is now anticipated will be reported to a special meeting of the Council about February 18. Except for pay rolls, which are fixed by ordinance, the work of the various departments is to a large extent at a standstill, as no improvements can be projected or contracts awarded for work of any kind until the funds have been made available.

Anticipating liberal appropriations for streets, the committee on that subject has already started the tedious process of appraising damages—a matter which under present climatic State laws requires a great deal of time and labor. It is not until the preliminary work has been settled and bids can be invited for work which is now greatly needed.

FIRE CHIEF HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Failure of Car and Automobile to
Give Warning Nearly Causes
Collisions.

When he was responding to a still alarm from Enginehouse No. 2 yesterday afternoon shortly before 6 o'clock Assistant Fire Chief Wise had a narrow escape from serious collision. Driving down Marshall Street, his vehicle nearly missed being run into by a northbound car of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which rushed through First Street without a warning sound from its horns. On account of the speed of the vehicle at this point the fireman was unable to stop in time, and the car was driven into the city. Engine No. 2, which had many narrow escapes, there, while Chief Jones sustained a fractured leg when his wagon was run into about four years ago at the same place.

The second escape of Chief Wise, who was recognized by Fireman Davis, of Company No. 2, was at Fourth and Marshall Streets when an automobile dashed by without the driver sounding his siren.

The fire to which Chief Jones was responding was on the third floor of a building now being constructed at Fourth and Broad Streets for Kaufmann and Company. It was caused by coals falling to the floor from a forge which had been left burning by workmen. Though the damage to the structure was slight it was necessary to use one chemical and one plug stream before the blaze was finally extinguished.

The fire was discovered by George Frechberger, of Engine Company No. 2, who was on his way home. He ran to quarters of Company No. 2, on Third Street, where the automobile truck is stationed, and gave the alarm.

CLINTON A. BOYCE STRICKEN BY DEATH

End Comes After Sharp Attack
With Which He Was Seized
on Thursday.

FINE NEWSPAPER CAREER

Former Political Writer on The
Times-Dispatch Made
Brilliant Record.

Clinton A. Boyce, for many years a political writer for the Times-Dispatch, died last night at 2:20 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. S. Sublett, 1333 West Grace Street, of congestion of the lungs with complications. He had been in bad health for several years, with symptoms of tuberculosis, but had kept up until last Thursday night, when after a long day of service as clerk for certain committees of the State Senate, he entered a severe attack, from which he never rallied. His condition gradually became worse, and for the last twenty-four hours he had been unconscious.

Mr. Boyce was a native of Nelson county, where several brothers and sisters reside. His brother, Sidney J. Boyce, was notified last night and will arrive in Richmond this morning to complete arrangements for the funeral. It is expected that the body will be taken to Nelson county for interment.

Mr. Boyce graduated from Richmond College, after which he held a position as clerk in the Richmond Post-Office for a number of years. He became a reporter on the old Richmond Times, with which he remained until the consolidation of the Times and Dispatch, when he was retained as political reporter. After some experience at general reporting, Mr. Boyce became the City Hall representative of the Times, and had a wide acquaintance among public men in this city.

He represented the Times in reporting the Constitutional Convention of 1902, and for The Times-Dispatch reported on sessions of the State Legislature, the last one being that of 1908.

Few men had a wider acquaintance with public men throughout the State or ready information on political conditions. He served for a time on the City Democratic Committee and the Board of Public Interests, being always loyal to the Democratic party, and active in its interests, attending the last National Democratic Convention in Denver for The Times-Dispatch.

Mr. Boyce resigned from the Times-Dispatch about three years ago, on account of ill health, beginning then a long fight against the inroads of tuberculosis.

A time he edited the Louisa Enterprise, and in the famous campaign in the Ninth District for Congress last year he conducted the press work for the Democratic candidate, Henry C. Stuart. Recently he had spent much time at his old home in Nelson county, hoping that country life would restore his health.

He was appointed clerk of the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance by his intimate friend, Marshall Booker, clerk of the Senate, in whose campaign for election in 1908 Mr. Boyce had taken an active part. For a while he seemed to gain strength by renewing his old acquaintanceships in the Legislature, and to be in the thick of politics. But the daily strain was too much for his failing strength, and his attack last Thursday night followed a long and difficult day of committee hearings.

Definite arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until the arrival of his brother to-day.

BIGGEST LOCOMOTIVE YET

Cheapeake and Ohio Railway About to
Place Mikado in Service.

In keeping with its constant increase in weights and power of the more common types of locomotives, the heaviest and most powerful engine of the Mikado type yet built is about to be placed in service on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. It was constructed by the American Locomotive Company, and is designed to haul a train of 4,000 tons up a 3 per cent grade at a speed of fifteen miles an hour.

Aside from the fact that it is the most powerful locomotive of its type, its design presents an interesting feature. It is so constructed that many of its parts are interchangeable with those of the mountain type engines used by the Chesapeake and Ohio, and built by the same company. This duplication has been obtained, it is said, without sacrifice in efficiency of the Mikado for its requirements.

February Term To-Morrow.

The February term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will begin to-morrow morning, and it is likely that it will be a busy and lengthy one. Though the docket was practically clear at the close of the last session, some desirable business has accumulated during the meantime, and the judges who will be in attendance at this time will have to hear arguments in cases which have come up from the lower courts.

Elks' Smoker To-Morrow Night.

Members of Richmond Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and their friends will enjoy a smoker and entertainment to-morrow night. The committee in charge of the affair has secured a black-face minstrel show, which will be the feature of the program.

There Is Little Difference

between a rut and a grave, except that one is wider and deeper than the other. The man who lives in a rut, as far as hopes and ambitions are concerned, might just as well be in his grave. The greatest difference is that the man who lives in the rut has only himself to blame, while the man in the grave can't help himself.

The American National Bank,
OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

is established for the purpose of helping any man out of the rut, and thereby preventing him from filling a financial grave. Our first advice is not to get in a RUT.

STAFF OFFICERS MAY WALK PLANK

New Bill Framed to Wipe Out
25 Colonels Who Guard
the Governor.

WANT PRACTICAL SCHEME

Glittering Uniforms Have No
Standing in Law, and Are
Regarded as Useless.

Dealers in second-hand uniforms will please come forward and deposit their bids with the secretary of the meeting, for those who speak the language of the tribe got word last night that a bill will be sent this week to the General Assembly which will forever abolish the Governor's staff. Twenty-five full-sized colonels, in the flower of manhood, will walk the plank, and that everlasting crop which blooms every four years will bloom no more. There was once an Austrian field marshal who went to the front with forty cooks and one staff officer. To-day there is a President who travels about the United States with one military aide—Major Archibald W. Butt. In days gone by the Governor of Virginia traveled over his hills with many colonels, and once a week written in the book that all of the twenty-five never forked over \$400 each for the paraphernalia. They borrowed from those who remained at home, and those not properly garbed remained at home for lack of goods.

Has No Standing in Law.

But let it be understood that this bill was not created in an idle, vicious mind which harbors ill feeling against the distinguished men who have gallantly ridden with Governor Mann, and who have guarded him as friends dropped in for a sip of tea. Not one of the number was suddenly paralyzed with fear when the telegraph wires, reaching out from Philadelphia, hummed with the burning words of a Governor who offered to lead a regiment against a Russian army. Every colonel—with a uniform—would have struggled for the front position, their dazzling uniforms a target for Russian bullets. Happily, however, there is peace.

The Governor's staff—when it comes down to brass tacks—has no standing in Virginia law. There is no provision under which carfare can be paid from the Capitol to Swansboro. Each colonel must furnish his uniform and pay his freight. Words of burning name have been heaped upon a Commonwealth, which would turn out twenty-five colonels every four years and then fall to feed or clothe them. There is little reward and little honor. Right here at the seat of government the glory of the staff is never rightly given service with such distinction. The actor, stood on the Academy stage, week ago, as gendarmes who were trailing him sneaked away, and remarked, "There goes the Governor's staff," a mighty shout went up, but at the expense of the men who have served with such distinction. The staff of Governor William Hodges Mann. There would be no end of merriment if President Taft was accompanied in his travels by twenty-five Archibald W. Butts. And there would be a large crowd of all of the colonels ever went to the front with a Virginia Governor in time of peace and hope.

New Bill Is Practical.

In the place of this showy assortment of titled men, the new bill proposes something more practical. It stipulates that the Adjutant-General, the same being General Sale, and the Assistant Inspector-General, the same being Colonel Stern, shall be ex-officio members of the Governor's staff. Then, too, future Governors may appoint a military secretary, or, who will have the rank of major, and who is to accompany the executive on all official visits, his expenses to be paid out of the contingent fund. This plan is in accord with modern methods of civilization. When circumstances require a larger staff, ten officers of the active militia may be detailed without being paid and without being relieved of other duty. Failure to serve may warrant the shooting of each offender at sunrise.

Seriously, the effect of the bill is to wipe out the staff as it has been, and to replace it by a really efficient military staff. It will relieve the incoming Governor of considerable embarrassment. It will not make it necessary for him to carry a large staff of title-seeking citizens and in the same time provide a really efficient military staff. The fact that the measure will come up at this session is in no wise intended as a reflection upon the staff now serving. Being the last, should the bill pass, it is planned to erect a suitable tablet to the last of the military Mohicans, and it will stand there for all time as a tribute to the five and twenty who never faltered in the face of danger.

Titles Empty Nowadays.

Everybody agrees that there are too many titles. The man who serves as an election official goes through life with a title, not long ago, when a man was stopped in a Louisville saloon and looked about on thirty thirty souls, he casually remarked, "Colonel, have a drink?" and thirty Kentuckians lured heavily and happily against the bar. The fame of Georgia as a producer of colonels is worldwide. Its crop being second to its cotton. A few sharp blows have been directed toward Virginia, but, being more progressive, the Legislature is expected to kill the crop and provide something more practical.

There have been hints heretofore that a Governor did not appoint a colonel until a member of the secret service had looked on the assessment books to find if he could part with \$400 for uniform equipment. Once, a man declined the honor, for the reason that he could not buy uniforms and a motor car the same year, and being a courtier, he figured that he had a better chance with a car. According to some authorities, he would have made a better impression in brass buttons, but this man who refused was lion in New York and had seen that army in uniform that stood by the storm doors and made them whirl. Every bell hop in a hotel wears a uniform, and every bell hop smiles approvingly when you call him colonel.

Moncure Perkins Ill.

T. Moncure Perkins, who lives at the Guarrent Hotel, is seriously ill at the Memorial Hospital.

A Sale of the Best Clothing in Richmond
Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats which sold up to
\$30—choice of hundreds this morning at
\$16.00 each
Gans-Rady Company

No Eggs on Bill of Fare These Days

Price Jumps So High That
Boarding-Houses Cut Them
Out and Order Prunes.

When the star boarder came down to breakfast yesterday morning just as the maid was preparing to clear away the things from the table and gave orders for two poached eggs, the landlady flounced into the room and told him to forget it.

"You late, and you want two eggs, and eggs selling at 5 cents apiece?" she screamed. "Not much. If you got those poached eggs you'd be calling next for butter, June, fetch the gentleman some prunes."

This happened. It is going to happen again, which brings you face to face with the fact that around town they are selling eggs, retail, at 60 cents a dozen, cold storage eggs at 70 cents. Moreover, this hotel landlady has been cut off the bill of fare in many of the smaller establishments and in hundreds of boarding houses, with nothing which will serve as a satisfactory substitute. The proprietor of the best known cafe in Richmond, yesterday that he got all of his eggs from the country on standing orders, and then when a supply arrived on Saturday he called up merchants on Cary Street to ascertain the price. While the rate was published at 38 cents, he found none on sale in the wholesale section at that figure. It cents being the average. So he paid that sum. There is no fixed price among retailers, however, and they are selling at 50 and 60 cents a dozen—mostly 60.

Every hospital in Richmond has to keep on hand a bountiful stock of real eggs, and they have paid various sums since the market went up into the sky. There is a big difference between those served in the hospitals and those sold over the quick lunch counter, and at the former establishment great care is exercised to select those which are absolutely fresh. Like everybody else, the hospitals are paying the extra tariff, while the cheapest thing in town is the egg sandwich, which is thrown over the counter for 5 cents. But such sandwiches!

The egg market is always bullish at this season of the year, though it has established new high records within the past ten days. There has been no advance in the price of waxed eggs. Milk is weak, butter is strong, prunes are plentiful, and wild ducks, which were not so wild after all, are peddled about the streets, with few takers. Hens are going up, the high cost of living is the high cost of the price, and good meat is there for the price, and the ground hog saw his shadow. These things considered, it looks like a hard winter ahead.

HARD FIGHT OVER COMPANY'S PLEA

Richmond and Henrico Wants
Council to Grant It Light and
Power Franchise.

Whether or not there shall be a competitive franchise for electric lighting and power service in Richmond will be argued before a subcommittee of the Council Committee on Streets on Wednesday night, when the application of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company for such a general franchise comes up for discussion. The applicant will be represented by Charles V. Meredith and S. L. Kelley, and the interests of the existing company, the Virginia Railway and Power Company, will be looked after by Henry W. Anderson and A. B. Guigon. The question is not a new one to members of the committee, as not only has this proposition been pending some time, but a similar question was argued before the Street Committee about a year ago when Miles M. Martin and others applied for a lighting and power franchise for current to be generated at the Midlothian mines.

What Is Asked.

In brief the Richmond and Henrico Company represents that it is a going concern and that it is a going concern. The stockholders being Richmond men, that it has in operation a street car line from Fulton by way of Church Hill to the northwestern section of the city; that it has erected and now has in operation a viaduct connecting the two main hills on which the city is located; that it has a power house already running, at the foot of Nicholson Street, and that its present venture cannot be made profitable unless extensions of trackage are allowed from time to time and the company is allowed to sell its surplus power, and to that end to construct pole lines and conduits as may be necessary.

The answer of the Virginia Railway and Power Company is that it was the first to build the street car line, and that it has probably ten times the property at stake; that as much or more of its stock is held in Richmond as of the other company, that its rates are as low and as equitable as those of cities of similar size and general conditions as Richmond; that its lines of distribution extend into all parts of the city, some of them having been constructed at a loss, and that no citizen who has applied for light or power has been turned down. In order to assure ample service for the future growth of the city it will erect a half million dollar annex to its powerhouse, and is preparing to make further liberal extensions.

REPUBLICANS WILL NAME DELEGATES TO CONVENTION.

Delegates to the district and State conventions will be elected next Monday night at a mass-convention of city Republicans, which will be held at Belvidere Hall. A new city committee will also be chosen at that time. As he is chairman of both city and district committees, C. Ridgway Moore, it is understood, will not be a candidate to succeed himself as chairman of the city committee.

The District Convention.

The district convention will take place on February 15, at Leader Hall, 320 East Main Street, Richmond, Va. The convention has been called to meet on March 12, at Roanoke.

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